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UNIVERSITY | IBHE

Eastern wins grant money

Grants will pay for outreach and work-study programs

By Ashley Rueff

Senior University Reporter

Eastern was awarded two grants totaling \$345,252 from the Illinois Board of Higher Education at Tuesday's IBHE meeting in Hilton Hotel in Springfield.

Eastern was one of six institutions in the state to receive a portion of the \$1.28 million given to IBHE under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Linda Morford, chair of Eastern's department of Educational Administration, is the director of the \$232,652 grant that will be used to fund four outreach service programs to assist local teachers and administrators.

"It's directly benefiting education at all levels," Morford said. "It's really important for us to reach out to the schools in the area." Some rural schools don't have as many opportunities for training programs as those in larger cities, she said.

This is the second time Eastern received the three-year grant, and the first award in full.

"It's really good to know that the board of higher education thinks we're doing the right things in serving this area," said Mary Bower, who works with grants in the College of Education and Professional Studies. "It feels like they still like what we're doing."

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Students see inside Iraq



Documentary by undercover reporter shown Monday

By Steven Teeters

Staff Reporter

Armed with only a fake press pass and a rented flack jacket, amateur filmmaker/freelance journalist Mike Shiley traveled to Iraq.

On Wednesday, he was at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to present his documentary on the conflict in Iraq titled, "Inside Iraq: The Untold Story."

Afterward, Shiley fielded questions from the audience and provided a platform for reflection on the material he had presented during the film.

Shiley's documentary focused on taking a look at the war in Iraq from a third-person point of view.

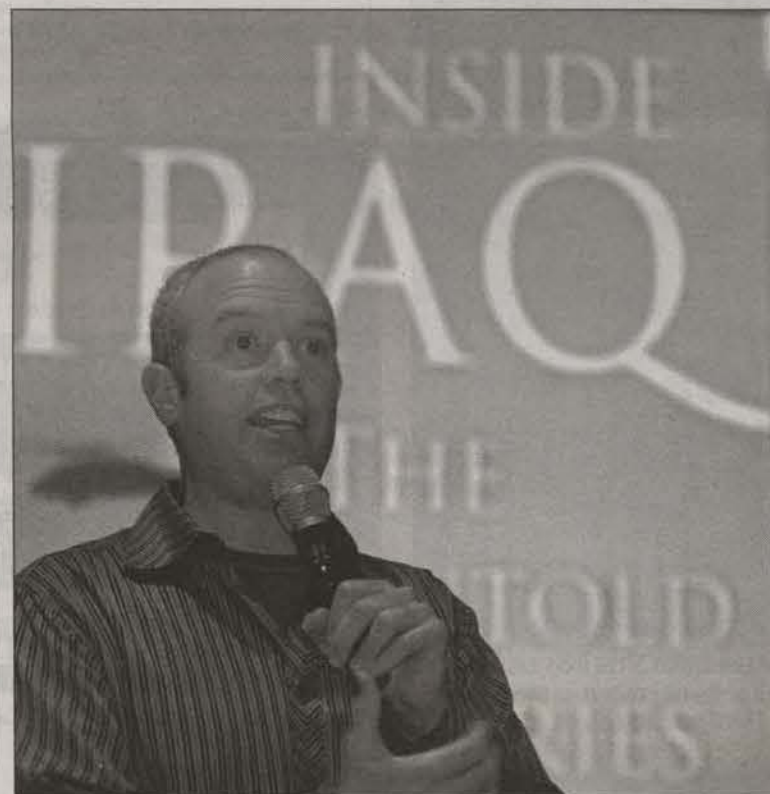
The basic idea of the film was to show the audience what it is like in Iraq and what the troops go through.

The film was Shiley's attempt at getting involved in democracy firsthand by immersing himself with actual people.

"It's amazing how little knowledge (there is) of their culture and the sacrifices that are being made," Shiley said before the film.

The film was split into two 45-minute sections. The first was Shiley's experience in Iraq with the Iraqi citizens.

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(top) Iraqi War veteran Jeremy Gordon, a freshman political science major, Kent Koltas and Ellen Koltas, Eastern employees, and other members of the veteran group Black Knights of the Embarras talk Wednesday night. They were discussing Mike Shiley's film "Inside Iraq: the Untold Story," which was shown in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Some of the veterans who viewed the film felt that Shiley's film was missing the troops' viewpoint of the war. "I wish he would have shown what we go through," Gordon said.

(left) Mark Shiley answers questions during a discussion after the showing of his film "Inside Iraq: the Untold Story," Wednesday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Transfers get help adjusting to new school

Meeting new people eases the transition, e-mails primary alerts

By Mike McGlothlin

Staff Reporter

When Dana Wyant transferred to Eastern, she was shy and terrified of speaking with new people.

The graduate student came from Heartland Community College in Spring 2006 and is now an intern at the Transfer Relations Office.

In fact, she was terrified of speaking to a class of students.

"It's intense when you first have to do it in front of people," she said.

But since transferring, she has grown out of her shyness, is outgoing and wants to be a teacher. The Student Life Office, Career

Services, Counseling Office and the Transfer Relations Office presented the Transfer Student Expo on Tuesday to help make transfer students aware of all the services available to them.

The expo was held in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and featured five different sessions throughout the day.

The sessions dealt with multiple topics affecting transfer students, ranging from how students can get involved in student organizations to tips for adults and commuters that want to feel more connected to campus.

Rita Pearson, transfer relations coordinator, said a big obstacle transfers must face is learning who to talk to for different services.

"They aren't expecting to know where to go to get all of their answers," she said.

A student panel session

consisting of past transfer students and students that began their academic careers at Eastern was held in the Effingham room.

Transfer students represent 37 percent of Eastern's population.

Torre White, a junior mathematics major who transferred to Eastern from Kentucky State University, said getting involved in campus activities has helped him meet more people.

But when transfer students do not become involved with social groups outside of what they are used to, they can be let down by their college experience, Pearson said.

"Sometimes a disappointment comes when your expectations aren't met," she said.

According to Pearson, the most simple way to reach out to transfer students is through their campus e-mail.

"They (students) need to check

their EIU e-mail," she said. "That is one megaphone that our university tries to use and that is the kind of culture we need to encourage our students to use."

Although attendance was low, the panel offered insight on how all transfer students could make their college experiences work for them and how they were able to adjust to Eastern, both socially and academically.

Wyant said the low attendance was expected because this was the first year a transfer student expo has been held.

She was not discouraged by the meager student attendance. She realized that the seminar was scheduled at an awkward time of day when many students were still in class.

"We're here for the students," she said. "We're trying to do everything we can."

Fee increases for Health Service and Student Insurance took up the majority of Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting as both groups are looking for an \$8 increase.

The Health Service fee would increase from \$82.90 to \$90.90 per semester.

Lynette Drake, EIU Health Service medical director, said that costs are rising overall yearly.

Certain drugs have been doubling in prices, as well.

Information passed out to Student Senate members showed that allergy medication Allegra-D increased by 119 percent and that the sleep aid Sonata increased by 108 percent.

Oral contraceptive prices will be going up even higher as prescription drug companies are ending discounts, Drake said.

In the information given to the senate, Eastern pharmacist Jeri Doti said that one company that

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Development project meeting canceled

Desired land must first be annexed to city

Today's special City Council meeting regarding the single-family development project on the east side of town was canceled.

The council was going to hold a hearing and vote on the pre-annexation agreement for the Rich Estates development, but the council could not get organized in time for the annexation agreement to go forward, said John Inyart, Charleston mayor.

The land that Rich Smith

Development wants to use for the development is currently owned by the county and needs to be annexed to the city for the project to move forward.

At the March 20 council meeting, Midwest Regional Director Kyle Bach put on a presentation for the development project.

The houses will be sold on a rent-to-purchase basis, meaning the residents will lease the homes for the first 15 years of the project and then have the option to purchase them.

The 50 units in the development are appraised between \$130,000

and \$150,000, but residents will have the option to buy them between \$15,000 and \$25,000 after the 15th year leasing the property.

Inyart said he thinks the development company will apply to the state for funding, and that the lack of the annexation agreement will have a minimal impact on the application.

He said he expects the company to come before council at a later date to ask for the agreement, but that date has not been determined.

- Stephen Di Benedetto, Senior City Reporter

CAMPUS | EXHIBIT

Alumna to present art

Eastern graduate will present a display of ten years of own work

By Beth Hackett

Senior Activities Reporter

Warm and cool colors flow around each piece and complement each other to create a whimsical and dreamy vibe.

Themes such as animals and nature are repeated throughout the artwork in colorful expression.

It is Anne Hughes' vision.

"I have more food for creating new works than I could ever consume," said Hughes, an artist and Eastern alumna. "My approach is largely intuitive."

Hughes' current art exhibit, "Inscrutable Life," is currently on display until April 7 in the Brainard Gallery of The Tarble Arts Center.

She said she allows her work and subject matter to develop without a fixed plan.

Early on in Hughes' life she was able to pursue, incorporate and transform almost any interest through personal artistic expression.

"Curiosity about the world around me feeds my work," she said.

The Tarble Arts Center curator, Kit Morice, said the work shows this curiosity.

"Much of her art is composed of swirling complex pieces (which viewers) really have to take in and contemplate," he said.

During Morice's first year at Eastern, she met Hughes as she was developing her own style and technique of art.

"We kept in touch while she was in grad school and we still do, though she is now based out of Chicago," Morice said.

Hughes said her own personal experiences throughout her life couldn't be separated from the content of her art, although she couldn't think of a time when she had directly used personal experiences in creating a work.

"I'm interested in interconnections both in life and in the creative process. There are interconnections everywhere, as in eco-systems in nature and marks on a paper," she said.

Hughes finished her bachelor's degree in studio art at Cordia University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She received a Masters degree of Arts at Eastern then went on to obtain her Master of Fine Arts degree from Bowling Green State University.

She now works with artist-in-



KELLY MARIE CREMET | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Anne Hughes, an Eastern graduate, has a display of her artwork in Tarble Arts Center through April 7th in the Brainard Gallery.

ANNE HUGHES' DISPLAY

- » **When:** April 4 at 7 p.m.
- » **What:** presentation of Hughes' media use and work
- » **Where:** Brainard Gallery in the Tarble Arts Center

residence fellowships, which allow her to relocate to different places throughout the year.

Hughes' work has been exhibited throughout the country and she is on the Illinois Arts-In-Education roster.

To attain this position, artists apply and are then judged on the quality of their work, their record of professional achievement and their skills and experience as educators.

After being selected, organizations use the list as a resource to find professional art educators.

Nikki Beck, a junior hospitality major, was examining the exhibit Tuesday because her friend told her it was interesting.

"You really have to examine the art to find all the different colors

and individual scenes within," Beck said.

Morice said "Inscrutable Life" spans more than about 10 years of Hughes' work all compiled into one exhibit.

"(Hughes) uses 3-D and 2-D pieces in a single artwork, which makes for very interesting composition," Morice said.

He said Hughes' style is very mysterious and surreal, as if the ideas come from dreams.

Beck said one piece, titled "Wake Up," particularly caught her attention.

"It seems like someone is in the midst of waking up, but the dream is still kind of there," she said. "There are many warm and cool colors interacting and there's a lot to look at."

Hughes said the title of the exhibit represents the obscurity of her environment.

"Life in general and in the particular is inscrutable and will always remain so," Hughes said. "For me the pondering of such (through art) remains a great source of stimulation."

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COMPETITION | TALENT

Freshman takes home Open Mic win

Comedian wins first place, musicians take second and third

By Scott Richey
Online News Editor

Matt Caponera captured his audience's attention with his first joke and kept them laughing by shocking them with material they weren't expecting.

One male student in the back of the crowd was red in the face from laughing.

His jokes about oompa loompas growing "dank weed" and America's Funniest Home Videos being his favorite television show because kids and old people getting hurt was persuasive enough to get the votes of the majority of the 45 students in attendance.

The freshman communications studies major was the first-place winner Wednesday night at Open Mic Night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Bridge Lounge and took home a \$75 gift card to Wal-Mart.

"I think it's (Open Mic Night) a great experience," Caponera said. "I like to make people laugh, and it's a lot fun."

Brian Thomas, a senior sociology major, took home second place and a \$50 gift certificate to the University bookstore with his covers of the Bare Naked Ladies and Wallflowers.

Freshman physical education major Justin Yuroff placed third and won a \$25 gift certificate to Positively Fourth Street Records with his acoustic set.

Chris Cauley, a musician from Atlanta, closed the show playing original songs and covers of classic hits.

Cauley connected well with the crowd, sharing his experience of



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman communications major Matt Caponera does his stand-up comedian act Wednesday night at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union bridge lounge as a part of University Board's Open Mic Night.

CHRIS NEAL | CHRIS CAULEY FAN

"I liked it better than last time because he opened for somebody else the last time and didn't sing as much. He has a good voice."

losing money at the riverboat casino near Joliet and his southern drawl.

"I'm going to get made fun of tonight," Cauley said about his tendency to say "y'all."

Cauley's set list included original songs like "Deserve You," but the crowd really reacted to his covers

of Ray Charles' "Georgia on My Mind" and Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get it On."

Ryan Gerrity, a junior education major, attended Open Mic Night to support two of his friends who performed, but said that he also enjoyed Cauley's set.

"I liked that he (Cauley) incorporated blues and piano," Gerrity said.

Chris Neal, of Paris, came to see Cauley's performance because he had seen him perform a year and a half ago.

"I liked it better than last time because he opened for somebody else the last time and didn't sing as much," Neal said. "He has a good voice."

The Open Mic finals, which is a competition of all the past winners of Open Mic Nights, will take place April 9 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Constitutional revisions announced at RHA

All committees to submit transaction report for monthly expenses

By Katey Mitchell
RHA Reporter

The Residence Hall Association constitutional revisions committee will present their official revisions of the RHA constitution to the general assembly at Thursday's meeting.

In November of last fall, the RHA executive board formed a special temporary committee to go through and revise the RHA constitution and have it ready before the end of the school year.

"The executive board looked at the constitution and saw that we needed to make a few changes," said Carrie Mueller, RHA president.

"One example is that we verbally changed the position of vice president of financial affairs to treasurer, but it was still listed as its previous title in some of the documents."

Mueller said that she and the rest of the executive board staff

CARRIE MUELLER | RHA PRESIDENT

"The executive board looked at the constitution and saw that we needed to make a few changes."

formed the two-person committee and suggested changes to be made to them.

Dan Cuthbert volunteered to be a member on the constitutional revisions committee and was appointed to the position last fall. The other committee member is Alex Kaempfen.

"We included as clause for financial records, where all committees must submit a transaction report for their monthly expenses," Cuthbert said. "We also instituted an attendance policy where if an RHA rep who is involved in a committee misses three meetings in a semester, their voting privileges are suspended. This is to make sure people attend the committee meetings since all reps need to be on a committee."

Cuthbert said that most of the

ideas presented in the revisions were ones members of RHA had expressed or practiced, but were not put down on paper.

The hall councils will have a few weeks to report any questions back to their members. Mueller hopes to have a vote on the revisions by April 15.

RHA will also be voting on the budget for the end of the year banquet they co-sponsor with National Residence Hall Honorary. The assembly will be given a budget of expenditures for how much the banquet will cost. The cost is split between the two organizations and will be held in the University Ballroom on April 25.

After the meeting, RHA's financial advisory committee is holding a murder-mystery dinner to help raise money for RHA

Residence Hall Association meeting

Where: Thomas Hall

When: 5 p.m.

Why: To approve budget for end of year banquet and go over constitutional revisions.

scholarships.

The event will start out with people eating spaghetti, garlic bread and cake while listening to the "Phantom of the Opera" soundtrack, said Brittany Kraft, chair of the financial advisory committee. Then they will play a murder-mystery board game, dividing the people up to eight tables and each table acts as one player.

"Each table will have a list of what they can tell the other tables, and there will be secret clue booklets and stuff like that," Kraft said.

The event will be \$5 per person, and the committee hopes to gain at least \$200 from the evening. All profits from the event will go to either the Richard Enochs or Sean McKinney scholarship.

The event is at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Andrews Hall.

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campusbriefs

University Board to propose budget cuts tonight

» The Apportionment Board will hear the final presentation from the University Board Thursday night.

The UB's budget of more than \$300,000 was rejected at last week's meeting. The board was told to cut approximately \$77,000.

The meeting will be held at 7 tonight in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

-Zach Nugent, AB Reporter

Lab band performs in Union's Grand Ballroom tonight

» The EIU Jazz Lab Band will perform at 7:30 tonight in the Grand Ballroom of the union. The lab band consists of three small groups of performers. The groups play several different styles of music including funk and hip-hop.

For more information on this event, call the music department at 581-3010.

Peruvian pyramids to be discussed by guest professor

» Daniel Sandweiss from the University of Maine will be giving a lecture at 8 tonight in the University Ballroom of the union.

The lecture is "Explorations with Thor Heyerdahl: Peruvian Pyramids and a Cuban Connection." In conjunction with the lecture, Eastern's College of Sciences and the EIU Chapter of Sigma Xi, a scientific research society, will hold its 10th annual banquet at 6 p.m., also in the University Ballroom.

Admission to the banquet will be \$20 at the door.

-Marco Santana, Campus Editor

Writing on the Wall discussion tonight in Stevenson

Yolanda Williams will lead a discussion on the Writing on the Wall Project at 7 tonight in the Stevenson Hall lobby.

The project began Wednesday and is aimed at publicizing oppression in the community. The wall will then be torn down to help students experience the power to create change in the community. The event is sponsored by the Housing and Dining Service's Social Justice and Diversity Committee.

ourmistakes

» Corrina Alegria was misidentified in a photo on Page 1 of Monday's edition of the Daily Eastern News.

» The time of the ScienceFest lecture was incorrect on Page 3 of Wednesday's edition of the Daily Eastern News. The lecture by Daniel Sandweiss begins at 8 p.m. tonight.

» Health Service's debt was incorrect on page 1 of Wednesday's edition of the Daily Eastern News.

Health Service is approximately \$289,000 in debt.

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FEATURED BLOGGER

"I had no idea the idea of the United States of America, democracy, federalism and the way it all fits together was a difficult concept to grasp. It all seems fairly simple to me. I passed my Constitution test on the first try in sixth grade."

KATIE ANDERSON



WHAT OTHERS THINK | TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Last Tuesday, the British Parliament gave all schools permission to forbid Muslim pupils from wearing full-face hijabs in class, if the school's administration believed it to be appropriate. Prime Minister Tony Blair called the traditional hijab a "mark of separation" and said that it makes "other people from outside the community feel uncomfortable."

Even people who choose to dress differently could be interpreted in this way. With this mentality, where would the authorities limit themselves?

ourview

Civil unions benefit couples

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Last Wednesday, the Illinois House Human Services Committee approved bill HB1826 that would allow gay couples in Illinois to enter into civil unions with the same legal rights as marriage.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Greg Harris, D-Chicago, now moves to the House floor to be voted on this spring.

If the measure becomes law, Illinois would become the fifth state to offer civil unions, joining ranks with Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey and California (California's domestic partnerships offer benefits similar to civil unions). Massachusetts is the only state that allows gay marriage.

We hope this bill becomes law.

The customs of marriage have changed over the years, and now more and more people are becoming ready for them to change again.

In the past, race and class have kept people from marrying. Happily, we have moved past those prejudices.

Today we are moving toward a time when same-sex couples can enjoy the same legal benefits that straight couples do.

Bill HB1826 states that recognition of marriage is the primary and, in a number of instances, the exclusive source of numerous

protections and responsibilities for parties to a marriage and their children.

These protections and responsibilities associated with marriage in Illinois are only available to opposite-sex couples.

Married couples can file their tax returns jointly and share health insurance benefits.

They don't have to testify against each other in court.

When one partner dies, the remaining partner can collect life and accidental death insurance.

Some hospitals only allow legal family members to visit patients.

When straight couples divorce, they and their families continue to be protected through child support, custody and visitation laws.

Civil unions allow same-sex couples these same benefits.

Civil unions are not marriage. But they are a step in that direction.

The federal government does not currently recognize civil unions, but many aspects of marriage are determined by state.

Illinois civil unions would offer gay couples legal rights that married, straight couples take for granted every day, including estate benefits, adoption, property ownership and health insurance. They would also be available to straight couples.

However, civil unions would be authorized by their own law, separate from the one governing marriage.

HB1826 has a powerful message.

It states: Illinois has a strong interest in promoting stable and lasting families, including families headed by a same-sex couple. With this act, Illinois builds on a long tradition of respect for individual rights and responsibilities, the commitments of spouses to each other and their families, and equal protections of the laws.

The state of Illinois has already extended health insurance coverage to the same-sex partners of members of the state-employees' union. We hope they continue to move in the right direction.

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | RICH LAKEBERG



VIEW FROM THE UK | SIMON RUSSELL

Faith: A battle between God and self

Faith. An elusive commodity. For millennia, Theologians have mused its qualities: if we find Faith, how much is enough? When we find it, how should it be displayed – should we "show a little," or should we simply "have" Faith? Is a Faith based in doubt truer, more appealing – more honest even – than a Faith that shouts its firmly-resolute convictions from the mountain-tops? Is doubt not the very essence of Faith, rather than its opposite (can one ever be certain of doubt)? It's enough to make your head spin; this proliferation of paradox, this diluvium of discombobulation.

For some, Easter is a period of mystery and doubt. The birth of Christ is accepted as historical fact (even though the exact date chosen for celebration is somewhat spurious): Christian beliefs were founded upon His Life and Teachings. But Easter – the Resurrection – is less concrete, more esoteric, more abstruse. That Christ rose from the dead – this assertion compels an appraisal of our Faith. For some it is the very essence of Faith: given America's fervent

religious backdrop, to choose not to confer Good Friday and Easter Monday with public holiday status (as we in the UK do) seems somehow anomalous. Is your Faith so strong it needs no annual reinforcement? Is your doubt so great as to be unexpungeable? Or is it simply that honest religion rightly exists alongside an honest day's toil?

Your First Amendment prohibits restriction to religious freedom; it also requires the separation of Church and State. From afar, however, these entities still appear conjoined: a President who announces "God Bless America" after each address (surely God wants to bless each and every country, including those troubled or failing countries. Especially troubled or failing countries?); a motto that once proclaimed *E Pluribus Unum* but now declares, "In God We Trust" – these hardly shout "secular society" to the rest of the world. Have the Church and State truly separated, or are they in fact cohabiting with scabrous intent? We really should be told.

In the UK, we believe theocracies have

had their time – the nature of Catholic and Protestant atrocities in Northern Ireland merely illustrating just what a nimety of religious fervour can do. We'd rather our leaders exist in a more rational, earthly-based world. Indeed, we require someone who puts their faith not in a higher deity, but in their own political acumen. Tony Blair's comments – that he prayed over the decision to send troops into Iraq – elicited sharp intakes of breath: the man holding the launch codes squaring his conscience with "God will be my Judge" makes us all extremely nervous.

That said, we don't disapprove of Faith Schools: they make up the backbone to State education, the core of our private schools system. Whilst a "teach not preach" philosophy to religious education is practised (covering all Faiths, including atheism), the denominational corraling they facilitate hardly lessens inter-faith misconceptions. What message does this send our youngsters? "Education," said G.K. Chesterton, "is simply the soul of a society as it passes

from one generation to another." Are we bequeathing our children the specious notion that division along religious grounds is acceptable: yet another generation of me and you, rather than simply "us"?

Some believe that polytheism is analogous with our polymorphic nature (others that there are simply two types of people in the world: those that divide the world into two types of people, and those that don't). Since Neanderthals' sad demise, there actually exists just one type: *Homo sapiens*. Can Faith make Man? Or will Faith ultimately break Man?

Simon
Russell



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» IBHE

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Some of the programs funded by the grant support a survey administered by Eastern to recent education graduates to evaluate their preparedness in their career.

Other programs include a mentoring and induction program for new administrators and a workshop program for administrators in the area.

The grant also supports a program

that targets and assists schools that did not meet the adequate yearly progress as part of No Child Left Behind.

"I am thrilled that we have received one of the IBHE grants," said Diane Jackman, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. "This grant will allow us to continue and expand many partnerships and projects already under way."

The second grant awarded to Eastern was \$112,600 for a cooperative work-study program that helps place Eastern students in

work-study experiences outside the university.

"It's putting students out there in the work world where they're getting practical experience," said Dan Crews, grant manager and director of publicity for the College of Arts and Humanities.

The program assists about 100 students a year. This is the 16th grant of this type Eastern has received.

"It just goes to show Eastern's commitment to helping students and preparing them for the work world," Crews said.

» Iraq

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It depicted Northern Kurds, the Sunnis and the Shiites that Shiley came into contact with. The second half of the film focused on Shiley's experience with the American soldiers and America's involvement in Iraq.

This showed the danger soldiers were in as well as the American soldiers promoting peace and welfare and reconstructive efforts.

After the film was a question-and-answer session with Shiley.

He opened the floor for anyone with questions or comments on the

documentary. Reactions to Shiley's film included simple ponderings, commending and condemning. One audience member, Tony Chauncey, stood up and commended Shiley's bravery.

"You're one person who went out there without the resources Fox or ABC has and gave us another view," Chauncey said. "Thank goodness we get to see your side."

Some audience members questioned Shiley's sense of responsibility and what gave him the authority or permission for the trip.

A few audience members who had served in Iraq did not approve of what Shiley called his "unbiased

approach," claiming he did not do an appropriate job of depicting Iraqi insurgents and the positive aspects of American soldiers' presence.

"It's true that you can show 30 or 40 minutes of great film about positive things in Iraq, but it only takes two minutes of seeing something to make you upset," Shiley said.

The documentary stayed away from commenting on Washington politics and focused more on the situation in Iraq and the lives of Iraqi citizens and American soldiers deployed in Iraq.

"Even if you hated every second of it," Shiley said, "the fact that you are able to see it is so important."

» Senate

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produced contraceptives increased their price by more than 1,000 percent and a generic brand was still 600 percent higher than the price Eastern has been paying.

Right now, it costs \$20 per month for oral contraceptives.

The proposal also includes a provision that would require that students who enroll in nine credit hours pay the full fee.

Students who are now enrolled in less than 12 credit hours pay \$6.91 per credit hour, the current per-credit-hour rate.

With the proposed increase, students who enroll in less than nine hours would pay \$10.10 per credit hour.

Senate member Kent Ohms asked how many students were enrolled in nine credit hours.

There were 567 students enrolled for 9 to 11 credit hours, Drake said.

The 1,200 continuing education students don't have to pay the fee, she added.

Drake also pointed out that there would be increases to prescription co-pays and services, as well.

Health Service is projected to

be about \$289,000 in debt at the end of this fiscal year and that is projected to increase to about \$435,000 next year.

With the increase in service prices and the proposed fee increase, \$206,000 in revenue would be generated, lowering the overall debt to about \$106,000.

Student Insurance is also looking for an \$8 increase. The proposal would raise the fee to \$109.95.

Heddings, Eastern's medical insurance specialist, said that the increase would keep the program ahead of the increasing healthcare costs. A couple of students spoke in support of the increase.

"It serves as a great supplementary," said graduate student Amanda Terrell.

She used the plan a lot and has saved \$3,000 on it, she said.

Sophomore Tiara Fulton said that she had a large bill after having kidney stones and the insurance program paid for half of it.

"I don't know what I would have done," she said.

Both fee-increase proposals were tabled until next week.

Student Senate Speaker Jeff Lange said that he expects the senate members to research and ask questions on the proposals before next week's meeting.

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Falling out of depression

Fall Out Boy member suffered from depression despite

By Adam Testa
Verge Editor

In the public eye, Pete Wentz's life looked positive.

His band was recording its major label debut, and a European tour was scheduled.

Things seemed to be going well for the Fall Out Boy bassist, but in reality, he suffered from depression.

"I secluded myself. I refused to get on airplanes or buses," he said. "I stopped talking to all my friends completely. I pretty much broke down in front of everyone, but in a very secretive way."

Once they found out, Wentz's bandmates were supportive.

"If it weren't for them, I don't know where I'd be. Bouncing into padded walls probably," Wentz said.

When fans tell Wentz that Fall Out Boy saved their lives, he shares his story with them.

"I want to tell them that this band saved me, too," he said. "I'd rather connect with people that way than have them say half the other reasons they love us."

Half of Us

Wentz was asked to be a

spokesperson for the Half of Us campaign, a co-sponsorship between mtvU and the Jed Foundation.

"I feel like I am not much of an expert on anything from music history to questions about love," he said. "This is one thing I felt hit close to home. I felt like I could offer my side of a conversation; maybe not answer people, but at least let them know someone else felt similarly."

The campaign aims to reduce the student suicide rate, fight the stigma of mental health issues on college campuses and connect students to the resources they need.

The name of the Half of Us campaign comes from research by the American College Health Association that found nearly half of all college students have felt so depressed they couldn't function.

"We hope this will begin to address the massive denial surrounding the issue of mental health," said Jason Friedman, general manager of mtvU. "This affects half of all college students, which means ultimately everyone is affected."

The campaign is aimed at reaching students at schools across the country, including Eastern.

Depression and suicide have been of particular concern at Eastern after Eastern student Mark Apa's suicide in December.

Cara Pschirrer, an Eastern counselor, said Eastern students might be using counseling services



PETE WENTZ | BASSIST OF FALL OUT BOY

"I couldn't just tread water any more. It became sink or swim."

more than at other schools.

"According to the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors, our services are utilized at a slightly higher rate than the average institution our size," she said.

The Jed Foundation, which co-sponsors the campaign with mtvU, promotes mental health issues.

Friedman said the great thing about college students is that they are the "engine of social change."

"This generation of college students has been on the front line of raising the international awareness of the genocide in Darfur, and I'm confident they will lead the assault on the stigma around mental health," Friedman said.

From students to celebrities

Dealing with depression is not something exclusive to celebrities or students. Celebrities just get more attention, Wentz said.

"America has a fascination with building people up and tearing them down," he said.

For Wentz, press coverage turned into a positive. He said that seeing

himself in the mirror and reading about himself really helped him overcome depression.

"Honestly, the Rolling Stone article and an Alternative Press one were just eye opening for me," he said. "I couldn't just tread water any more. It became sink or swim."

When fans respond to Wentz's depression, he has mixed thoughts on how to feel.

"Sometimes, in my head, I find myself feeling guilty when I'm happy, like it is something wrong or unauthentic," he said. "In a way, it feels amazing to make a connection with people that care about you beyond a T-shirt or an away message, like maybe it is true evidence that we are all in the same boat."

Wentz, who attended DePaul University, said he understands the stress of college.

A semester in college is a lot like a concert tour, he said.

"There are the same feelings of isolation and homesickness attached to whatever other anxieties you might already feel," Wentz said.

Knowles said that by becoming

more educated about mental health issues, students can work to become prepared to recognize the warning signs in themselves and their peers.

A study conducted by mtvU as the basis of the Half of Us campaign found that 77 percent of students would not want their friends to know they were seeking help for emotional issues.

Services are confidential at Eastern, so the only way peers would find out would be if students chose to tell others, Pschirrer said.

"We do recognize, though, that it takes a lot of courage to call and schedule an appointment and walk through our doors, but most people who do so are glad they did," she said.

Pschirrer said there are other reasons students do not seek counseling.

"Sometimes, it is hard for students to come to counseling because they have to admit to themselves that they are having a problem in their life that they are having trouble coping with on their own, which is sometimes difficult for students to acknowledge," she said.

Many times, people will think they should reach out to friends who are depressed, but Wentz said this does not work.

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CITY | PATIENT PROGRAMS

Charleston residents help cancer patients

Money raised at Relay For Life to help Coles County patients pay for services

By Nicole Milstead
Senior Campus Reporter

The American Cancer Society estimates that 1.5 million Americans will get cancer in 2007. Of those people, more than 37 percent are expected to die.

In Illinois, more than 60,000 people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer this year.

Eastern students are doing their part to raise money to help cancer patients by participating in Relay for Life from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday.

The money raised will go to help individuals in Coles County with

patient programs and services, said Lisa Amacher, income development representative for the American Cancer Society.

Look Good, Feel Better is a patient program for women who have cancer and are undergoing treatment. Local business owners and licensed cosmetologists Joyce Luedkey and Tracy Rankin of American Beauty, 221 6th St., run the program.

The women participate in the programs because they have both had cancer in their family and say they know what it feels like.

The licensed cosmetologists have an event every other month for patients undergoing cancer treatment who come to get tips on skin care and care packages. The National Cosmetology Association and the Fragrance and Toiletry Association donate the packages. The kits contain everything to

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» Information about cancer is available at the HERC office or at www.acs.org.

do with skin care including face wash, moisturizers, makeup and sunscreen, Luedkey said.

"The event always warms my heart," she said. "They come in feeling ugly and very down, and they go out pretty and happy."

She also said the event is like therapy for the women. They discuss the changes their bodies are

going through and losing their hair. The women open up in a way they would not be able to otherwise.

The women are given tips on how to keep their skin moist and fresh because it is very dry during the treatment process, said Lisa Lyell, the senior health incentives representative for the ACS.

The kits are valued at more than \$300 each, Amacher said.

During the class, the women also learn basics like how to pencil on eyebrows and how to wear wigs, scarves and hats, Luedkey said.

American Beauty has also hosted a wig bank for the area for the last two years. They have about 50 wigs, which are free to women who need them. The ACS receives the wigs from wig manufacturers and disperses them to the banks.

All the wigs at American Beauty are made of synthetic hair and they work to find the styles women want.

If they do not have what a women needs, they can send her one from a larger wig bank, Lyell said.

The wigs are free of charge to women from the ACS because most insurance companies will not pay for prosthetics such as a wig, Luedkey said.

Other programs provide valuable services as well, such as the Road to Recovery, which provides volunteer rides to appointments for patients who cannot drive or do not have family around to take them.

Reach to Recovery is a program where women with breast cancer can get together for group and peer support. The American Cancer Society says 88 percent of women survive breast cancer.

For more information, answers or to help the American Cancer Society, they can be reached 24 hours a day at 1-800-ACS-2345 or at its Web site www.cancer.org.

CAMPUS | WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Local Amish women celebrate, share differences

Panel to address Amish lifestyle and unique perspective

By Michelle Simek
Health and Science Reporter

Josephine Marner mirrors an everyday woman.

But she has experienced something that many women in society have not: she was raised Amish.

Marner left the Amish

community in the 1950s and now spends her time working for the Illinois Amish Interpretive Center giving tours of Amish communities in the area and educating others about the Amish way of life.

Marner, Dannie Otto and three Amish women from local communities will participate in a panel discussion of Amish women to celebrate Women's History and Awareness month.

The panel will begin at 7 tonight in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

Otto, a professor of Eastern's

philosophy department, also has ties to the Amish community.

He was born and raised Amish and still continues to involve himself in Amish-related activities. Otto plans to give a brief introduction of the Old Order Amish religion to begin the discussion.

He said the panel will then respond to questions women in the Amish community, including the relationship between husband and wife and Amish women entrepreneurs.

The Amish women will also

talk about their experiences and involvement in their communities, said Penka Skachkova, director of women's studies.

Amish women are of equal importance to men, but not equal in authority, said Patricia McCallister, a family and consumer sciences professor. Amish women have a commitment to their husbands, who make most major decisions.

Women usually spend most of their time cooking, gardening, sewing and washing clothes, she said.

"Amish value simplicity and self-denial over comfort, convenience and leisure," she said.

Skachkova said the panel discussion should provide a different and unique perspective to what most people at Eastern are used to.

"Amish culture is not very visible (to students)," she said. "They are a vital part of our community and this panel will provide some insights into what it means to be an Amish woman and to keep one's traditions in the midst of a very modernized high-tech society."

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 5, INDIANA STATE 4

Eastern uses small ball to beat Indiana State

Panthers win third straight, five of last six, against ISU

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Indiana State led 2-0 in the top of the sixth head when Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said he called the team in for a talk to get things straight.

"The wind was bad and they had a guy on

the mound that was pitching well," Schmitz said. "We knew it wasn't going to be high scoring and that we just needed to do little things to get on base."

That is just what the Panthers did in the sixth inning and eventually Eastern pulled out the 5-4 victory - the team's third win in a row.

They loaded the bases with a walk from left fielder Mark Chagnon, a single from first baseman Erik Huber, and catcher Kory Peppenhorst was hit by a pitch.

Bases were loaded when designated hitter Jason Cobb hit a squeeze play bunt to bring in Chagnon.

Second baseman Richie Derbak hit a sacrifice fly to center field to bring in Huber to tie the game.

ISU took the lead in the seventh on an RBI single down the left field line from Ryan Strausborger.

The Panthers answered again in the eighth when Derbak hit a two-RBI single to take a 4-3 lead.

"Everyone came out and answered the calls ISU put up for them," Schmitz said. "For a coach it was a perfect game because they did exactly what needed to be done."

The Panthers scored in the ninth inning on an RBI double from Huber that brought in Chagnon.

ISU's Nick Ciolli hit an RBI triple to bring the Sycamore's within one run.

Derbak set up the double play with a throw to shortstop Adam Varrassi. Varrassi threw to Huber to end the game.

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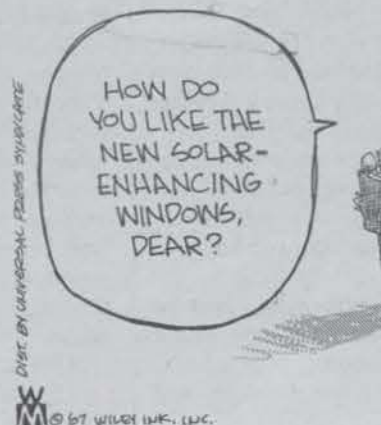
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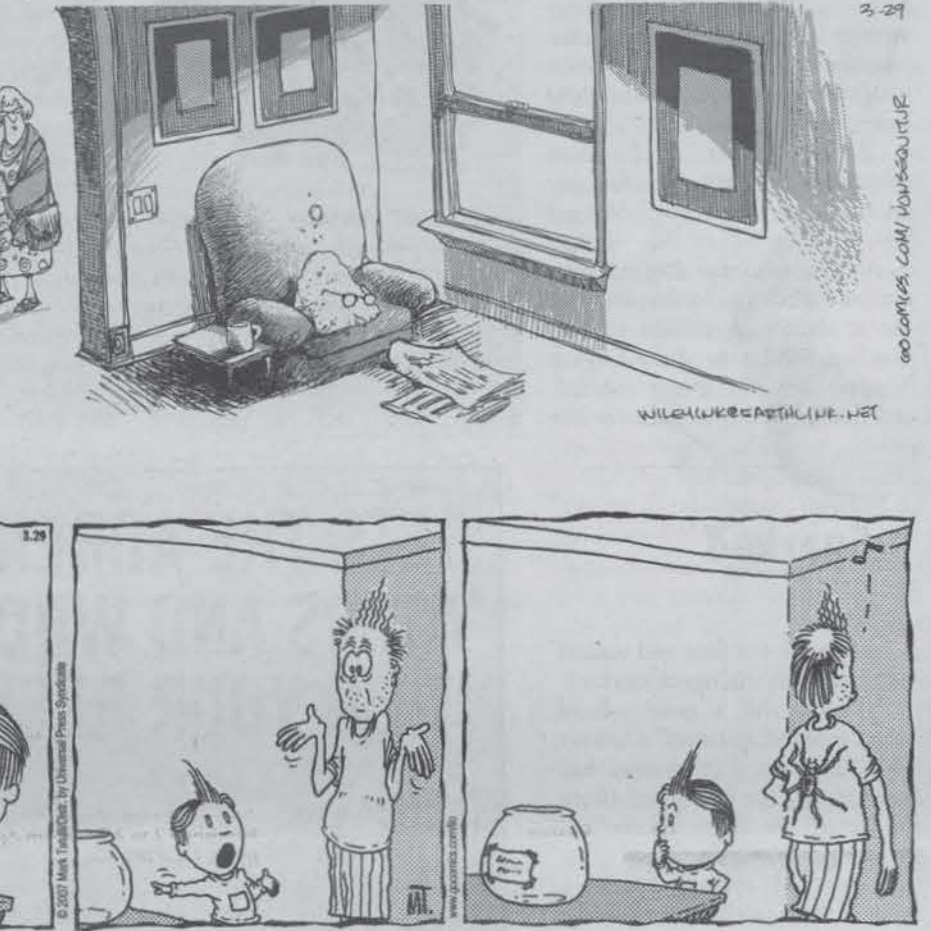
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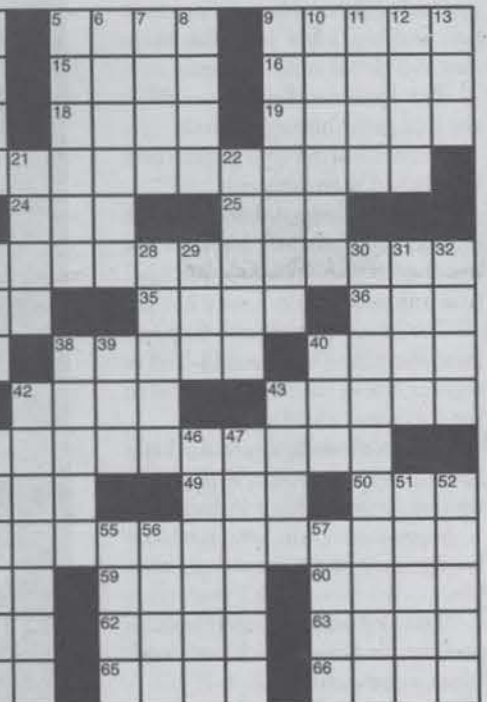


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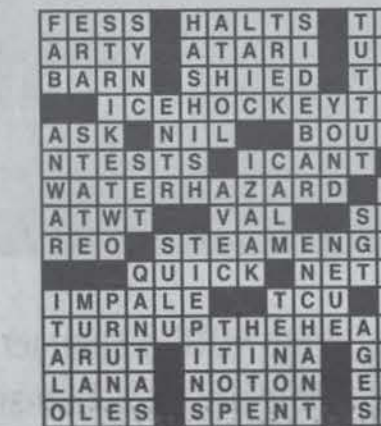
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 - 5 "Warmer" or "colder"
 - 9 Narc's find
 - 14 Dark side
 - 15 George Washingtons
 - 16 On the 31st of February
 - 17 Western flattop?
 - 18 Fictional home of Gerald O'Hara
 - 19 Shelved
 - 20 Tantrum expected from a money player?
 - 23 Ram's home: Abbr.
 - 24 Speedwagon
 - 25 French possessive
 - 26 Preventive maintenance on a water barrier?
 - 33 Turkish title
 - 35 It may result in a landslide
 - 36 Org. with a snake in its logo
 - 37 Sailing
 - 38 Contemptible sorts
 - 40 Fast one
 - 41 Diamond
 - 42 Shoot out
 - 43 Dynamos
 - 44 Beachgoer wearing bug spray?
 - 48 Source of some plywood
 - 49 Mining target
 - 50 Warsaw Pact member: Abbr.
 - 53 Bit of mischief that won't be noticed for years?
 - 58 Gila monster's defense
 - 59 Store on Harvard Square since 1882

- DOWN**
- 1 Plants used for fiber and food
 - 2 Blatant
 - 3 What a man making a comeback may get back to
 - 4 Count, villain in Lemony Snicket books
 - 5 Traditional cold remedy
 - 6 Befuddled
 - 7 Coup victim of A.D. 68
 - 8 Ruler of the Cossacks
 - 9 Summer treat
 - 10 Crofter, in Britain
 - 11 Enterprise rival
 - 12 Sunnis, e.g.
 - 13 Land once ruled by the Hapsburgs: Abbr.
 - 21 Neighbor of Hi and Lois, in the funnies
 - 22 Act broadly
 - 27 "So that's it!"
 - 28 Patti LuPone Tony-winning role
 - 60 When the shipwreck occurs in "The Tempest"
 - 61 Gillette of stage and screen
 - 62 Heart
 - 63 Piece of Variety news
 - 64 Conveys
 - 65 Scratched (out)
 - 66 Film dog



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 29 Hoodwink
- 30 Ovals
- 31 Sharif of "Doctor Zhivago"
- 32 Clears out
- 33 Alto
- 34 "You wish!"
- 38 Clever
- 39 Cleverness
- 40 Holy Trinity part
- 42 Knots
- 43 Judge
- 45 Significant
- 46 Gone
- 47 Bellyached
- 51 String ensemble, maybe
- 52 Vantage point of Zeus, in Homer
- 53 Nightly TV presence beginning 5/25/92
- 54 "Get ___!"
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» Top Cat

FROM PAGE 12

"It took me back to my high school days," the 6-foot-6, 215-pounder said. "It was fun, nothing new for me."

But shortstop wasn't the only position Huber played in Minnesota. Senior outfielder Mike Astrouski said Huber started out by joking with his coach about playing all nine positions in one day.

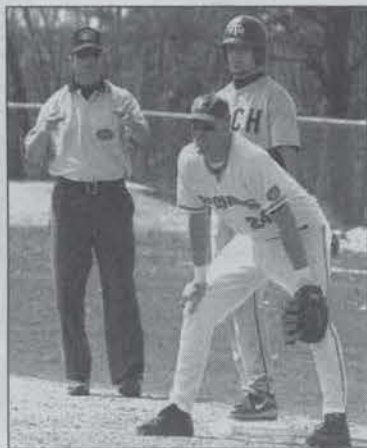
But eventually the joke turned into reality and Huber played one inning at every position in a Blue Thunder game.

Astrouski said Huber's natural athleticism and ability allow him to easily switch between positions.

Varrassi, Astrouski and Huber were in the same recruiting class and lived together as freshmen with catcher Jason Cobb and third baseman Ryan Campbell.

"I met Huber at freshman orientation and he was the first guy on the team that I met," Varrassi said.

Another freshman they met gave the five friends a nickname they still use as seniors. A foreign student that had not mastered the English language saw the group together and figured they were athletes like



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Huber has played many different positions, including first base.



many other students in Douglas Hall, but decided to ask anyways.

Except instead of asking if they were athletes, he said "math-a-letes."

"We just thought it was one of the funniest things we had ever heard," Varrassi said. "We were kind

MEET ERIK HUBER

- » **Hometown:** Belleville
- » **Major:** Physical Education
- » **Height:** 6-6
- » **Weight:** 215
- CAREER STATS**
- » **Average:** .374
- » **RBI:** 94
- » **Stolen Bases:** 24

of a clique, so it stuck."

The nickname is still used and well-known around Coaches Field.

"If you say 'math-a-letes' around the baseball team, everyone knows who you're talking about," Campbell said.

While the baseball team knows Huber as part of the "math-a-letes" and opposing players know him by the ping coming from his aluminum bat, there is one other sound Huber is known for.

"He's got some crazy turkey calls that he breaks out every now and then," Astrouski said. "When you hear that coming, you know it's Erik."

Baseball America never heard the turkey calls, but they saw Huber coming this season.

Huber just hopes the turkey and deer don't.

» Waltasti

FROM PAGE 12

From speedster Casey Spears swiping bases to the fearsome threesome of Erik Huber, Ryan Campbell and Kory Peppenhorst driving in runs, this Eastern team is fun to watch.

Huber leads the team with six home runs and a .429 batting average, Campbell has hit six doubles in addition to six RBIs and Peppenhorst, a freshman catcher, has impressed with 13 RBIs and a .352 batting average in just his second semester in Charleston.

This season Schmitz decided to let assistant coach Sean Lyons take care of all the hitting instruction so he could focus on the pitching.

Lyons has given Schmitz no regrets.

So far this season the Panthers are hitting .291 as a team with 102 RBIs in only 20 games.

At the band box that is Coaches Stadium, the Panthers are hitting even better than their outrageous season averages, with seven runs per game in their first five home games.

After a brief four-game road trip, Eastern will return home next Tuesday to play six games in a nine-

day stretch.

The offensive explosion should continue with some poor pitching teams coming to Charleston for the homestand. Murray State is the only Ohio Valley Conference team the Panthers will play next week and the Racers bring with them a 5-17 record and a team ERA of 8.79.

A whopping 212 opponents have crossed the plate in Murray's 22 games this season.

Ouch.

Eastern might have to buy a couple extra buckets of balls for those three games — more than a couple are going to end up in fans' hands.

There is nothing better than catching a ball game in the summer with a hot dog in one hand and a cold beer in the other.

You can certainly get a hot dog but they don't serve drinks at Eastern's ballpark, and that is probably a good thing this season.

Everyone would spill them jumping out of their blue plastic seats after yet another Eastern run is scored.

Let the defense take the Panthers to the top of the OVC.

I'll be at the games for the home runs.

And maybe the hot dogs.

» Sparked

FROM PAGE 12

She struck out four and walked only one in six innings of work.

"(Karyn) did a good job of keeping us off balance," Conway said. "She's got a good drop ball and keeping the ball away (from the plate). We didn't hit the ball that well."

Karyn's only mistake came on a Billiken three-run home run in the top of the fourth.

"She battled in the fourth inning and that's all right though," Schuette said.

"Karyn got a couple of ground balls, making it look easy. She was producing ground ball after ground ball and that's her job. She keeps that ball down and does well."

The Panthers didn't do well in the first game hitting the ball.

Eastern lost 3-0 in a game where it only had three hits.

"Our pitchers did a good job of keeping them off balance and making them chase pitches," Conway said."

The Mackie sisters and Coppert were the only Panthers (11-16) to register hits in the first-game loss to the Billikens (15-17).

"I didn't feel like we were ready to hit," Schuette said. "I think we waiting for something to happen."

Sophomore pitcher Kathleen Jacoby gave three runs on seven hits.

"I think Kathleen puts too much pressure on herself," Schuette said. "She's a competitor."

The Panthers return to Ohio Valley Conference action when they host Tennessee State for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Williams Field.

Eastern 9, Saint Louis 3

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
SLU	0	0	3
EIU	2	2	1
	0	4	0
	X	9	10

WP: Mackie, Karyn (5-5) LP: Gillette, Stacy (1-3)

E — EIU: Appeneller, Herbert — SLU: LDB — EIU 7; SLU 1: 2B Renner — SLU: Nelson, Adams — EIU 5B: Coleman, Danca, Steele — EIU. SH: Danca — EIU; SF: Steele — EIU. HR: Jost — SLU

Key Inning: Top of the Fifth

Eastern scored four runs on three hits. Sophomore Sarah Coppert capped her day off with an RBI single to score senior Chelsea Adams.

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CAMPUS | ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Proximity proves useful

Closeness of Eastern's athletic facilities unique in Illinois

By Nora Maberry
Editor in Chief

It's not often Eastern draws comparisons to schools like UCLA, Arizona and California.

But softball head coach Kim Schuette does.

"I tell recruits that we have been to some of the best facilities with UCLA, Arizona and Cal but I have never been to a better location than the softball field," Schuette said. "An advantage is every student has to take a class in Lantz (Arena) so a lot of times students will stop by and watch a couple of innings and you can't put a price on students in the stands."

Schuette said Eastern is different from most schools because the softball field, Williams Field, is actually located in the middle of campus.

At Illinois State, the athletic facilities are separated from the campus, with only three residence halls nearby.

At Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, the only athletic facilities located near residence halls and buildings are its basketball arena and tennis courts.

Its baseball field is by itself, surrounded by fields of corn and isolated from the campus.

SIUE's soccer field and track facility is a mile away down the same road from the baseball field.

"The best question is when they say, 'How are we going to find the softball field?' and I say is, 'If you find campus, you will find the softball field because we are right in the middle,'" she said.

The proximity of Eastern's athletic facilities is a fact many Panther coaches use to recruit new players.

"This is definitely a plus where the athletes do not have to travel to their practice or competition facilities," said men's track and field head coach Tom Akers.

Akers said Eastern's athletic facilities compare well to other schools.

However, he feels the facilities, particularly Lantz Fieldhouse, where the track team trains during inclement weather and during the indoor season, could use an upgrade.

"The main problem is our current facilities are now becoming dated for some sports," said Akers.

The Fieldhouse, which opened in 1967, has 60,000 square feet and contains batting cages, tennis courts and an indoor track.

Akers said some Eastern athletes feel it is overused and under-supervised.

"There is such a high demand for time in the fieldhouse it creates an unsafe environment for the athletes



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An aerial view of Eastern's athletic complex shows how close all the facilities are to one another. Coaches Stadium is in the center with the Darling Courts separating it from O'Brien Stadium at the top left. Williams Field, home of the softball team, is in the upper right next to the Rugby Field on Fourth Street.

KIM SCHUETTE | SOFTBALL HEAD COACH

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EASTERN'S ATHLETIC FACILITIES

» Coaches Stadium: Baseball

- Opened in Spring 2002
- Cost \$1 million

» O'Brien Stadium: Football

- Renovated in 1999
- Houses 23 coaches offices
- 9-lane track hosts IHSA state track meet
- \$550,000 Pro Grass playing field

» Williams Field: Softball

- Opened in 2003

» Lantz Natatorium: Swimming/Diving

- Six lanes, 25-yard length

» Lantz Arena: Basketball/Volleyball

- \$1.5 million to replace wooden bleachers in 1996
- \$250,000 video boards added in 2001

» Lantz Fieldhouse: Track and Field

- Originally built in 1967
- \$650,000 renovation in 2001

» Rugby Field: Women's Rugby

- Coach Graziano built press boxes

» Lakeside Field: Soccer

- Winter weather damaged courts this year

These improvements included a new irrigation system, scoreboard and bleacher seating.

Brady Sallee's women's basketball team also competes in a facility that is upgraded regularly. "There are all different levels of facilities in our league and in the region," Sallee said. "We have a facility that is a little older than most, but I think it's a good venue to play in."

Since 1996, Eastern has spent \$1.5 million dollars to upgrade seating at Lantz Arena.

In 2001, a \$250,000 video system was installed which allows for video, animated messaging, live game action and instant replay.

Sallee does not use the proximity of Lantz Arena to campus as a recruitment tool, but baseball head coach Jim Schmitz does.

"In the big picture we use the proximity of the entire campus," Schmitz said. "It's an easy campus to get around."

The baseball team competes at Coaches Stadium.

The stadium was opened in Spring 2002 and cost \$1 million.

In 2001, the stadium was upgraded with an underground irrigation system, sod infield and scoreboard but does not have lights to facilitate night games.

"The stadium is better than most schools in the OVC," Schmitz said. "The surface is getting better but needs much improvement."

INTRAMURALS | NOTEBOOK

Softball ends in rare tie

By Chris Sentel
I-Sports Reporter

Teams that appeared to be polar opposites squared off Tuesday when the men's intramural softball teams SWAT and SandBagging Expos faced each other.

SWAT appeared to be a team that was professional and down to business when its members showed up wearing matching jerseys, a group of cheerleaders wearing SWAT t-shirts and even a mascot — a dog wearing a SWAT t-shirt.

The SandBagging Expos showed up wearing all different shirts, no fans and no mascots. But the Expos showed that appearances can be deceiving by taking an early 4-0 lead. That lead lasted until the fifth inning and it appeared they had the win, but SWAT was able to mount a comeback as they pulled within one run, making it 4-3. During the next at bat, the SandBagging Expos appeared to put an end to the comeback as they scored four more runs.

But SWAT answered with a five run inning. With no time left to start another inning, the game was ended by the officials resulting in a tie, 8-8.

"The officials said we couldn't start another inning with only 10 minutes left," said Sam Hudson, SWAT captain and a senior communications major. "I think we would have had the win had we kept playing."

Disc golf tournament Saturday

Participants will meet at the campus pond pavilion at 10 a.m. on Saturday, where they will be able to see the layout of the course as well as talk to officials.

"We have been approved by the Apportionment Board to get the money to fund the brand new disc golf course," said Kevin Linker, Eastern's intramurals sports director.

The new course is in the process of being built.

Sig Pi 3 plays short-handed

Sig Ep 8 is 3-0 on its season and has won all three of its games by the slider rule, which automatically ends the game when one team is ahead by 15 points.


Their latest win came against Sig Pi 3.

Sig Pi 3 played with a handicap. One of their players was late showing up and another player did not show up at all. Throughout the game, their pitcher had to switch with another player just so they had enough people to kick.



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Eastern 9, Saint Louis 3

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Eastern 6, IUPUI 1

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SUNDAY vs. Tennessee State |
Noon Nashville, Tenn.

VOLLEYBALL
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1 p.m. Martin, Tenn.

Editor's Note: Top Cat is a weekly award The Daily Eastern News gives to an Eastern athlete who had the top performance from the previous week. This week, it's baseball player Erik Huber.

Pitching Season

By Joe Waltasti | Sports Reporter

Erik Huber is an avid hunter and often joins his father on some family land in southern Illinois during turkey and deer season.

But this baseball season, there is only one thing Huber is hunting – opposing pitchers.

Eastern's first baseman was named preseason Ohio Valley Conference player of the year by *Baseball America* and Huber has lived up to the lofty expectations by slugging his way to a personal best 18-game hitting streak.

The Belleville native is ranked in the top 10 in the OVC in 15 different statistical categories this season, including second in batting average and home runs.

"An average guy would feel the pressure," said senior shortstop Adam Varrassi. "But Erik's a rare breed, he feeds off that. He's just Erik and he just plays baseball, simple as that."

Huber's hot start to the season should come at no surprise, considering the numbers he put up this past summer in one of the best summer leagues in the country.

Huber participated in the Northwoods League, a league comprised of some of the top college baseball talent in the country. Immediately after Eastern's final game of the season, Huber drove to Brainerd, Minn., to join his teammates on the Brainerd Blue Thunder.

"It was a grueling season," Huber said. "I think I had four days off all summer. But it is a great league, great competition."

Some notable alumni of the Northwoods League include current Major League Baseball players Juan Pierre, Josh Willingham and Jeff Weaver.

Even with all the talent in the Northwoods League, Huber stood out and was picked to play in the league's all-star game.

Huber was ninth in the league in batting average (.291) and third in RBIs (39) and he started every game for the Blue Thunder while predominantly playing shortstop.

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Game two win sparked by 4-run inning

Panthers split SLU doubleheader

By Kevin Murphy
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Eastern put away the second game of a doubleheader in the fifth inning.

The Panthers scored four runs on three hits in its 9-3 win against Saint Louis on Wednesday at Williams Field.

"They did a good job coming back on us," said Saint Louis head coach John Conway. "They kept on us and kept putting pressure on us."

Junior first baseman Robyn Mackie started the fifth inning with an infield single. Freshman Kelly Coleman pinch-ran for Mackie and promptly stole second base.

SLU's first baseman Allison Appenfelder committed an error that allowed pinch hitter Chelsey Iapala to reach first and Coleman advanced to third.

Iapala stole second base and senior designated player Katy Steele hit a sacrifice fly to bring Coleman in for the sixth run of the game in.



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Sophomore second baseman Sarah Coppert safely steals second base during the first game of Eastern's doubleheader against Saint Louis University at Williams Field.

"We have smart base runners," Mackie said. "We were more ready to play (in the second game)."

That pressure came from junior third baseman Allyson Nolte.

Nolte reached via a walk and Iapala scored on a wild pitch for the seventh run.

The Panthers' bats kept rolling.

Senior Chelsea Adams doubled

to in the gap between center field and right field, bringing in Nolte. Sophomore second baseman Sarah Coppert singled to bring Adams home and make Eastern's slim two-run lead into a six-run lead. Coppert finished 3-4, scored two runs and had one RBI.

"I think people follow Sarah and I think Sarah's aggressive at the plate," said Eastern head coach

Kim Schuette.

Those four runs on three hits added to the offensive output in the second game. Eastern finished with nine runs and 10 hits in the game.

Junior pitcher Karyn Mackie (5-5) limited the Billikens to three runs on four hits.

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THE EXTRA POINT

Eastern's explosive line-up

They say defense wins championships.

But as a fan, I don't get anything out of a championship – sports are only entertainment and I want to witness monster home runs, stolen bases and 11-10 final scores.

Enter the Eastern baseball team.

The Panther's line-up is chock full of mashers with just enough speedsters sprinkled in to make it interesting.

While the team is actually very talented in the field and defends well, it's all about the offense this season for Jimmy Schmitz's squad.

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